Rural housing schemes in States

2267. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rural housing schemes presently being implemented in various States;

(b) whether Government propose to enhance fund allocation for these schemes in 2000-2001;

(c) if so, the fund so earmarked; and

(d) the details of allocation of fund, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) The main Rural Housing Schemes presently being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development in various States are as follows:—

(1) Indira Awaas Yojana

(2) Credit-Cum-subsidy Scheme

(3) Samagra Awaas Yojana

(4) Rural Building Centre

(5) Innovative Stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development.

(b) and (c) The budgetary allocation for Rural Housing Schemes for the year 2000-2001 is Rs. 1710 crores.

(d) State-wise allocation of funds will be done after the budget is passed.

Rural Housing Scheme for Poor

2268. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Rural Housing Scheme for the poor a model House (Architectural) plan is given;

(b) if so, how many such houses were constructed during last three years; and

(c) wheher any monitoring system exist to find out the quality of construction and their present existence till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) As per the guidelines of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), construction of house is the responsibility of the beneficiary, hence, no type design is prescribed for Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) dwelling units, except that the plinth area of the houses should not be less than 20 sq. mts. The layout, size and type design of IAY dwelling units is dependent on local conditions and the preference of the beneficiary. The beneficiary is involved in the construction of his own house. To this end, the beneficiary has complete freedom as to the manner of construction of house. This results in economy in cost, ensure quality of construction, leads to greater satisfaction and acceptance of the house by the beneficiary. Under Indira Awaas Yojana, in the last three years (between 1996-97 and 1998-99), about 24.13 lakh houses have been constructed.

(c) Periodic review meetings with State Governments are held by the Ministry of Rural Development to assess both quantitative and qualitative achievements under Indira Awaas Yojana. Currently a Concurrent Evaluation to assess the impact of Indira Awaas Yojana in the field is underway.

Poverty alleviation programmes in N.E. States

2269. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of poverty alleviation programes formulted by Government for North-Eastern States particularly for the rural, hilly, tribal and backward people of Assam during the last three years;

(b) the details of amount allocated for this purpose during this period; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide more funds for rural development of NER during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) The major poverty alleviation programmes being implemented by this Ministry in rural areas are Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY). These schemes are implemented in